NCIC VALIDATIONS

Those agencies that deal with NCIC Validations have probably noticed some recent changes to our procedures.

Starting this month, BCI will no longer fax or e-mail your validations to you, unless extreme circumstances are involved. Agencies must obtain their validations from an FTP server. (FTP connections are "stand alone" and are not connected to the UCJIS web site in any manner.)

Several days after the first Saturday of the month, your validations representative will receive an e-mail stating that the validations are ready to be downloaded from the server. That month's certificate will be attached to the e-mail.

You then need to go into NCIC and validate your entries. Are they missing information? Is the warrant still valid? Has the car been returned to the owner? Does your agency still have documentation? Has the missing person come home?

All entries must be electronically validated (or removed from NCIC.) To electronically validate an entry, enter a unique identifier into the VLN field.

Once your entries are validated, sign and date the certificate and return it to your Field Services representative. The certificates can be mailed, faxed, or e-mailed. We must receive the certificate, or the entries will not be considered validated.

If we do not receive your certificate by a certain date, your NCIC entries for that month will be removed from NCIC. Thus, an officer may not know he/she is dealing with a dangerous wanted person, or a stolen car may never be returned to its owner.

It is vital that we have an up-to-date e-mail address for the person(s) in your agency that handles validations. Please let your Field Services representative know if your e-mail changes!

If your agency has no e-mail capabilities, you can get free e-mail from sites such as Yahoo, AOL, MSN, Hotmail, etc. Also, please make sure your e-mail system doesn't think BCI's messages are "spam." And finally, make sure your e-mail allows messages with attachments.

Larger agencies that have validations every month may want to mark their calendars as a reminder to always check their FTP server for validations.

For instructions on downloading and using the Security Express FTP program, please see http://www.bci.utah.gov/FTP_Server.pps. However, agencies are not required to use the Security Express program.

TAC CONFERENCE!

The 2007 TAC Conference will be May 22-24 at Southern Utah University in Cedar City.

The 22nd will be an optional registration day with some optional classes being offered to those who want to attend.

Representation by each agency is required on the 23rd and 24th.

The registration fee is $60 per attendee, but if your payment is received on or before April 13 you will qualify for the early registration discount fee of $50 per person. No registrations will be accepted after May 4, 2007.

For questions about registration, please contact Adrienne Sowards at asowards@utah.gov or

(801) 965-4497. If you have any questions about the conference itself, please contact Jacob Dunn at jacobdunn@utah.gov or (801) 965-4963.

Watch for the registration form and other information coming shortly – by e-mail, Message of the Day, or both!

VEHICLE INFORMATION AND MISSING PERSONS

Don't forget to add vehicle information to wanted and missing person cases!

A recent missing person case in Utah unfortunately ended in the recovery of the missing person's body. Although the person was entered in NCIC as a missing person, the subject's vehicle information was not entered.

If this vehicle had come in contact with law enforcement before the subject's death, the contacting agency would have been able to tell that it was involved in a missing person case – had the vehicle information been entered.

Vehicle information that can be attached to a missing person record includes the plate number, plate state, year of expiration, license type, VIN, vehicle year, vehicle make, and vehicle model.

BCI CHANGES

Bad news and good news!

We're sorry to announce the retirement of Records Supervisor Bobbi Millard. We'll miss her at BCI, and wish her all the best in her future endeavors!

But we are happy to announce some changes and some new supervisors. Lauralee Blue is now the Records Supervisor (801-965-4943). Chuck Collett is the new TWX (Help Desk) Supervisor (801-965-3832) and Lance Tyler is the new Brady Supervisor (801-964-4517).

If you have any questions concerning denied logons and the appeals board, please contact Chuck Collett at the above number.

Congratulations to everyone!

RETURNING FIREARMS

Speaking of the Brady section – did you know that before releasing a firearm back to its owner you must ensure the owner is legally able to possess a firearm? Even if the individual has owned the gun for years, you cannot release it to him/her without a background check. Failing to do such a background check will leave you legally liable should the owner commit a crime with the firearm.

Agencies can run background checks themselves when releasing a firearm. Be sure to use the "Purpose Code" of **F** when doing so!

However, we encourage agencies to call our Brady Section and have us run the check for you. Not only do we have access to files that you don't have, but we also have a complete knowledge of the factors that can deny a person possession of a firearm.

The checks are free of charge – but please let us know that you are a law enforcement agency releasing a firearm to its owner.

Agencies on the Wasatch Front can call 965-GUNS.

Agencies off the Wasatch Front can call 1-800-500-GUNS.

Hours are 9:00 am - 5:00 pm Monday – Saturday. When Brady personnel are working on Sunday they can be contacted between 10:00 am - 4:00 pm.

WHO IS COMMITTING IDENTITY THEFT?

By Linda Thomson, Deseret Morning News

Alarmed by the rising crime of identity theft, Americans are snapping up home shredders and scissoring old credit cards to guard against drug addicts pawing through the trash to steal Social Security numbers, bank statements and other data.

Law enforcement officials say drug users and people who manufacture fake green cards account for a substantial share of identity theft. But a survey by the Federal Trade Commission says that as many as **one-quarter** of identity theft victims knew

who stole their financial lives — and often it was someone sitting across the dinner table.

"It's pretty common," Kirk Torgensen, chief deputy Utah attorney general, said of family identity theft. "We see it fairly frequently in the cases that law enforcement investigates."

The perception is that drug addicts are mostly responsible for stealing mail, wallets, credit cards and other identifying information to get cash for their habits.

The 2003 "Identity Theft Survey Report" was commissioned by the FTC. The survey showed that in 26 percent of identity theft cases that had been identified by individuals surveyed, the victims knew who had stolen their information. Often, it was a relative, neighbor, friend or someone who worked inside the victim's home.

Summary from the November 27, 2006 "Deseret Morning News"

CONDOLENCES

BCI sends our condolences to the family, friends, and co-workers of Uintah County Sheriff's detective Cpl. Kevin Orr, who passed away after an accident during a search for a missing person in November.
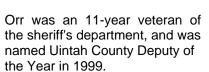

Photo courtesy of the *Deseret Morning News*

Orr was an 11-year veteran of the sheriff's department, and was named Uintah County Deputy of the Year in 1999.

ON-LINE METH REGISTRIES

By Donna Leinwand, USA TODAY

States frustrated with the growth of toxic methamphetamine labs are creating Internet registries to publicize the names of people convicted of making or selling meth, the cheap and highly addictive stimulant.

The registries — similar to the sex-offender registries operated by every state — have been approved recently in Tennessee, Minnesota and Illinois. Montana has listed those convicted of running illegal drug labs on its Internet registry of sexual and violent offenders since 2003. Meth-offender registries are being considered in other states as well.

The new registries represent the latest effort by governments against meth. As meth labs have spread east from California during the past decade, most states have increased penalties for meth manufacturing and restricted the sale of medicines used to make the drug. Those laws have contributed to a decline in meth labs, according to the Drug Enforcement Agency, which reported that authorities found more than 17,000 labs in 2003 and more than 12,000 last year.

The registries generally include the names, birthdates and offenses of convicted meth manufacturers, dealers and traffickers. The dates of their convictions and the locations of their crimes also are included.

Officials in Minnesota and elsewhere say residents and landlords will be able to use the registries to check for meth offenders in their communities. "We want to arm citizens with information, so they can protect themselves and their communities," says Brian McClung.

Summary of an article from the August 22, 2006 "USA Today."

FAXING UCJIS INFORMATION

Does your agency fax any type of UCJIS information (rap sheets, driving records, etc.) to other entities? Are you faxing information to a secure site?

NCIC CJIS Policy 4.2 states:

> **8.8 Facsimile Transmissions**
> CHRI [Criminal history record information] may be transmitted via a facsimile device which is not connected to a CJIS system as long as both agencies involved in the transmission have an authorized NCIC ORI number. Prior to the transmission, the sending agency shall verify the receiving agency's authenticity.

One way to verify a fax number is to run the receiving agency's ORI on an NCIC Q0 transaction or NLETS TQ transaction. Since you never have proof of who you're dealing with or where the fax is going, please protect yourself by faxing only to authorized entities. Sending information with an AM message is also a good alternative to faxing.

If you're disseminating UCJIS information to an attorney as part of the Discovery process it is best to mail or hand deliver the information.

UCR/IBR INFORMATION

Time to submit the last of your 2006 statistical data!

The deadline for 2006 data for Provo PD, Salt Lake City PD and West Valley PD is February 2, 2007. The rest of Utah agencies need to have all data in by February 23, 2007.

BCI will be sending out the "verification of data letters" in the second week of January. Please make sure you take the opportunity to review your agency's data for accuracy. The sooner any problems can be found the better!

MY SPACE.COM

By Matt Richtel - The New York Times

SAN FRANCISCO, CA — MySpace.com, the social networking site, said recently it was developing technologies to help combat the use of its site by sexual predators by cross-referencing its more than 130 million users against state databases of registered sex offenders.

The Web site said that it planned to deploy the technology, which will seek to identify known sex offenders not just by their names, but also by date of birth, height, weight and ZIP code. If the automated system finds a potential match between a MySpace user and a registered sex offender, employees will try to verify the match or determine if it is a false positive. Users who are registered sex offenders, MySpace said, will be denied access to the site and, depending in the circumstances, be turned over to law enforcement.

The system comes as the site has faced scrutiny and criticism by advocates of children's safety. Ernie Allen, president of the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children, said the technology was a potentially useful step in slowing the incidence of sexual solicitation of minors. "It's not a panacea, but it makes a whole lot of sense," Mr. Allen said. According to the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children, one in seven regular Internet users between the ages of 10 and 17 will be solicited online for sex.

The system, by MySpace's admission, is not fool-proof. If registered sex offenders sign up but do not give their real names, physical attributes, locations or post their real picture, they could elude detection.

Summary from the December 6, 2006 "New York Times"

MISSING PERSONS

SPECIALIZED TRAINING AT BCI

New Training Offered at BCI

On March 29, 2007 BCI will be conducting a class for law enforcement officers covering:

- ► Missing and unidentified persons
- ► AMBER alert
- ► Endangered Person Advisories
- ► Human trafficking in Utah
- ► Utah sex offender registry
- ► Utah firearms laws.

Please contact Gina McMahon at (801) 965-4686 or gmcmahon@utah.gov for further information.

These cases are usually very high profile, with a great deal of media coverage. Handling such instances correctly can make your agency look very good! Or – if you handle them poorly, your agency will look foolish to the media and the public!

MORE TRAINING PROGRAMS

2007 Training Opportunities Fox Valley Technical College

The training offered to the criminal justice community for Missing Children, Internet Crimes against Children and AMBER alert 2007 schedule and locations is out. There will be a CART (Child Abduction Response Team) and ISMAC (Investigative Strategies for Missing and Abducted Children) course offered in Salt Lake City June 4-8 2007. Information can be found at http://dept.fvtc.edu/ojjdp or you can contact Gina McMahon at (801) 965-4686 or e-mail her at gmcmahon@utah.gov